


to Miss B. She showed me your letter
with which she was delighted —

My address is  9, PEMBRIDGE GARDENS,
BAYSWATER.W.

Dearest Friend,

7. XII. 94

Thank you for your
letter.

I have an idea! Don't you
think if you come on the
28th we might on the 29th
have a few select P. & F. all
to dinner & after dinner
ask in all your London
friends to see you. You
can't possibly go to every one

If Mrs. Hutchinson sends me a list of ex-students students parents, P.R.'s children's mothers who were in reach of London they would be so grateful for the chance of seeing you. I find being in on Thursday mornings is very good.

I hope to do well - If there is any room in the P.R.

I hope you put in under my branch report that "a small carpentering class is being started for the 1. mas holidays"

If you care to, would you put in Review that you will be "at home" here

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on Tuesday Jan 29th 9-11
P.M. & glad to see any friend.
Whom would you like
asked to dinner besides
Mrs Webb
Perrins
Bootes
Schopfield.

I think I may say I
did fairly well at Blaphem
I mentioned Scarborough's success
the letter from Sorbom &
all the while. D.S. thought
I spoke well but he is not
quite to be depended on
was very nervous — Ync, as usual
just hit the right word



9, PEMBRIDGE GARDENS,
BAYSWATER, W.

16. Nov. 97

Dear Miss Mason,

I am confessedly
disappointed at the idea
of your stay here being
spoilt by your lecturing
engagements. It is too bad
of ~~you~~ them to want you
also. I hope you are
not going to sleep out on
the 31st - I think of only

is paper 12

asking Mrs Webb, Penno,
bouts & Mr & Mrs Vopps
for the 29th to dinner. I
trust a great many will
come afterwards. I suppose
you will send a few private
notes as well!

With much love & the
Season's best wishes

Believe me
Yours affectionately
Netta Rankin

1897

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Miss Mason

Scale House

ambleside

Westmoe land



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STATION, SWAYTHLING.

SOUTH STONEHAM HOUSE,
SWAYTHLING,
NR SOUTHAMPTON.

30. 5. 97

Dearest Friend,

Behold the addy
I be surprised. Last
evening at 8 my father
telephoned asking me to
come down by the 10 P.M.
train & return Monday 8 A.M.

I refused, but when I heard
my beloved Sir Vincent
Barrington was also coming
I felt the temptation

incredible. I have had
two lovely rambles all alone
in the woods, whilst the
men fished & I feel much
refreshed & rested. It has
been a lovely, healthy
place to think out all
one has heard, though I feel
I missed much through
not having a mind at rest.
I long to read it all.
We had a truly splendid

lecture from Miss Simpson,
a thorough object lesson
of what a lesson should
be. She is quite the
best native teacher I
have so far met.
I hope, dearest you are
not too tired. I feel
I have got nearer to
you this time than ever
I miss you very much.
I have to thank you for

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very, very much, my girlie
& a better rep. but above
all I thank you for your
love, & friendship. It is
only one who loves you as
I do, & who knows the sacred-
ness of friendship that knows

'what this means'. Dearest!
I thank you, I thank you.
I cannot say more, but I can
dedicate to you a life of
loving, humble service in your
work & a constant prayer that
I may become worthy of you
& it
your loving
Netta

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Dec 27. 97

14, NOTTINGHAM PLACE.
W.

Dear friends, I hope
my thoughts have
been going out to
you in sweet
Christmas wishes, &
still more in
loving blessing for
the year upon
which we are about
to enter! I love
you dear kind
letters in history &

the previous little
book (wh you had ~~not~~
from me before)
wh I ~~received~~
like, appeared on
Christmas day. I have
read much of it
a felt ^{strong} sense of its
beauty & helpfulness.
It breathes of the
dear friends, & of
ambition.

Just now
I was at Bishop

Berry's Church in
Greenville where
we had our service
at the end of last
Conference. It
was most peaceful
& pleasant, & full
of p. n. s. u. members.

There ~~is~~ are
little changes.
My dear cousin
keeps much the
same, any change
being for the worse.
She is however very
kind & patient &
does not really

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suffer any pain.
 In regard I am well.
 I am writing
 for the conference.
 I shall work hard
 at organization, &
 perhaps work for
 a week here
 & there.

I hope the Ho. of Ed.
 was not much shocked
 at the book I sent it.
 The book was I did
 not care to give it
 to a child, but
 thought it unlikely to
 injure the grown up
 child. With all
 love & fondness from
 your affectionate Mo.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE
HYDE PARK W

7. 3. 1900

Dearest!

I am sending you herewith
our conference programme as far
as we have got, will you let Miss
Kitching write to Mr Selwyn, I
think the request would come best
from you. I will give ~~you~~^{her} ~~the~~^{we} ~~the~~^{to}
exact particulars of what I want
you to ask him to do. You will see we
have dropped the Parents' Teachers paper.
I am so grieved to hear you are so
unwell & so worried. the more
especially so as I feel sure

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that a few minutes real talk
would put things right. I am almost
sorry now I did not come up when
you asked me, though I should not
have been at all a nice guest
to have then.

Dear Friend, apart from any question
of personal loyalty, I always
believed myself to be considered
a clear-headed & knowing
risciple. Was that all self-
flattery? I thought I was
supposed to know what P.Y.E. &
meant even if I did not act
up to it myself. ~~That a person~~ ^{unless I give}

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give so much of ~~their~~ ^{my} life to
a cause, ~~which they cannot~~ ^{unless} I
valued ~~anything~~ it perhaps as
much as ^{not} the inspired & leader
but only next to her & very
nearly as much.

Then, ^{accepting} the premise, that I know what
I am about, would I lightly
be able to accept any
antagonistic teaching, even
let it come near our borders.

I always feel that it is
because I believe less than
you in 'parents', that I want

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to believe a very great deal in
the possibilities of the students
work. It is just because I see
& know how often they lack
perhaps the enthusiasm
~~that I have settled~~ ^{these} ~~those~~ who first leave
~~and~~ those who have left some time
back in their faces very different
messages. I'm guess, some of
them never see any books,
some no longer take in the
review, some never talk
to their 'missus' — Can any
of us live by chewing the
end of old ideas? Surely this

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PORCHESTER TERRACE
HYDE PARK W

~~What is this~~ isn't your teaching.

What I aimed at in the monthly meeting
was to bring the enthusiasm of the
few to bear as all, as perhaps
of the many to bear as the few.
to tell them of new departures
in our work, to fill them to go to
lectures, to start Branches
to tell them of books they
might read. The outside task
was a mind consideration.

As far as I can remember we have
had for Madlle Dunaire once,
Miss Webb twice, one Newman
children, once a chapter out of Jany

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Miss Bole will, the other times I
have read & talked to them.
Next Saturday week I intend reading
to them that lovely book of Sargent's
on his school. Do you remember it?
As regards P. U. S. U. lectures is
it not always your teaching
that we ask no peddles but
we accept the best we can
get from the real thinkers.

Surely many articles in the Review
are not P. U. S. U. teaching.
There is seldom a Branch
lecture given, but what I long to
say (I often do) this is what-

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There is: says, this is what we
think ^{kind of thoughts} ~~that~~ we can't get the same
even if ^{always} ~~that~~ your pet idea were good.
Does this all sound like self-
defence? I don't want it to,
I know, that you know where
I stand, what I feel, but I
wish I could make you understand
what I ^{was} ^{very simply} feel & that is that
you are unifying yourself
without cause.

Now to discuss the real matter
in hand:

Please note I have never heard
anything at all about this

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affair from you either directly
or indirectly. The very first
intimation I have had from you
was conveyed in the letter sent
to Mrs Webb yesterday where
you give her permission to ~~assist~~
show me the letter -
My first intimation was conveyed
in a letter from Mrs Boole
dated Jan 2 from which I quote "I have
just received a long letter from
Miss Mason (detailed you will
be pleased to hear) extremely cordial
you shall see it when you return -
[I have not] So far as I can
understand Miss Mason makes not

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PORCHESTER TERRACE
HYDE PARK W

the least objection to my
teaching anything I please to
any persons I please. She only
objects to my name being mixed
up with P.Q.S.U. because the public
on the ground that she does not
wish P.Q.S.U. mixed up with "faddists"
..... "Lips Mason" knows
that I propose to teach Ambleside
co- students (as Mrs Dallas
you've asked me to do) &
suggests no objection to that
but my lessons to them are
not to be published in "Unile Plant"
I enclose you the notes of one
of her books here —

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she also told the students that
she had your consent to their
coming if ~~you~~ they wished.
Now as to future action.
There have been two classes held;
there are to be two more & that
is all Mrs Boole proposes,
leaving (one more after to-day)
Miss Nesbit, Miss Mayall, Miss
Allen & Miss Lander are the only
students who go & now have
been to all 3 — There are
several medical students &
others at the class. I would

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tell the students that I believed
you did not wish them to go
but I hardly think you would
like this! I think that with
the break in the summer
you will find the matter as regards
the students will die a natural
death. Please do feel
less anxious about it. There
is nothing done of which you
would disapprove. & if there
were those, who go, are not fools
& true educational principles
can bear a little opposition.

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I wish so much that you would
feel that what matters is, that
you should keep your strength,
not so much for the students, &
even for the parents but to
give forth the educational thought,
which is in you, for those who
can be inspired to take & work on.

I am very sorry the present
series can't come this year.
It is annoying that though the
conference is a week later it
clashes again with the exam.
I am much better.

Yours with love

Hetta Franklin

Please do not answer
or dictate an answer only get well & be
cheered!

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PORCHESTER TERRACE
HYDE PARK W

7. XII. 1900

Dearest!

Cyril is going off to Margate
(4 m. ~~exp~~) to-day. He has had
use & fear of temp. for 5 weeks now.
101 at 6 & 49. at 4 p.m. & such
like folly. Of-course it has not
been very high but the fluctuations
make the chart look very queer.

B.P. after failing to discover
any other cause suspects our
old friend. However for the
sake of my husband she would not

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send him away with that Queen
 troops. without a second opinion.
 So Dr. Barlow re-hauled him
 on Wednesday. He also found
 him a healthy human being &
 advised me sending him away
 & having an expert to pronounce
 on the disease. Two other words he
 said 'I know not as who, with
 any interest would not, to
 B.P. You can imagine how
 I hate sending off the squirrel &
 how I shall miss him with
 the other children. Geoffrey & Olive
 will go to his directly our school

26p3 p.m. 12

holidays begin (21st) My age will spend
 Xmas & Boxing Day with my two flowers
 & possibly Sybil & I will run down
 to my home then.

Now, dear, as to your letter
 re. Lys. First you say
 you enclose her explanation no.
 you enclose a page from her but
 it says very little & is, I think
 hardly the one you mean to send.

I must of course bring the
 matter before the committee but
 I want you beforehand that
 to our Lady Infirmary will
 go strong against you &

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recommendation. Dear, you say
you are tired & I am glad you
have expressed as much. You
must be very tired not to have
been able to say 'No' to your
friend & to send the scheme up
so strongly backed. How for

Lady A's reasons: —

1. I object to our union with
& the U. Union trying to cut
each others throats. You even
suggest bringing the names into
in accord, which will make
them still more competing
parties. In the scheme
no 'father' is mentioned &
they do not seem to be considered

1. I very much dislike the M. U. way of
having two kinds of prayers, pledges &
no catechesis & no - It is unchristian
in the extreme.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE
HYDE PARK W

2. I hate 'pledges' & 'cards' &
& 'good resolutions'. I think they
are weakening to the character
& must be lightly made & easily
broken. Surely you are very
tired as you would say this is
not P. & S. U. as is Lady A. tired
& her judgement warped.

3. We always pride ourselves that
we exist to teach some philo-
sophy of education & to spend
the educational principles.
Good Heavens don't let us play
down to the mothers' union.
4. It is true that the mothers

Union is 'Sweetly Church', but
it gets itself modified under
other names in Scotland & elsewhere.
Mrs. Ashby as 'Friends' & one of
us, was at 'Mothers in Council'
in Birmingham which she hopes
to go on to us.

5. If we do this ^{we shall} ~~and~~ only
differ ~~from~~ the Y.W. and
the 2 points you mention &
I don't think those are enough
reasons for running another
organization.

6. Yes, let us frankly admit
that we educate so can educate

parents. The field is wide enough
& they need it so much - but
philosophy means some
previous thought. Let us work
indirectly among the poor. It is
being done, and Mrs. Beanches
are beginning to feel it & are
philosophy & no principles each
the poor though and numbers.
They are being educated (as we
hope they are) & they help the
others -

I am of course busy up your
letters on Tuesday, but I shall

fight it hard.

Now let me cheer you up. W. Barlow
 was immensely struck by the
 Squirrel's virtue. "I do not know
 if it is your Mrs. Rankin or that
 nice nurse, but he is a beautifully
 behaved child - the way he showed
 his throat &c &c" — I know
 how you love advertisements I
 propose getting him to sign
 this & putting it into the
 advt. of the Review. "Result
 of the P.Y.S.U. System
 of Education" —

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PORCHESTER TERRACE
HYDE PARK W

P.S. I am always being asked
why so much money £1435
was needed & what was
done with it?
Also why if we do not
pay our contributors and
Reviewers yield so little at
5/ a year — I am quite
a tyro at these things &
would like to know more.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE
HYDE PARK W

26. 1. 1902

Dearest!

It is a fortnight to-day
since I said goodbye to you &
I have not had a minute since
to breathe or to do anything
but business!

I am well but somewhat headachy
The children are well, & Olive
& Cyril come back to-morrow.

I hear Cyril never interrupts
people now, he is 'kind to people
when they talk' & if he finds the

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conversation long imitates their movements. I do not think Yuse very well, she is getting about a brother who is ill at Bournemouth. My new sec. goes to - married. She is excellent at shorthand & writes well but messes up my books terribly & cannot spell a single word.

I have met coming Miss Toke daughter of an old P.M. & U. member who has been to Gilton (Classical type) & is good at shorthand.

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The only fault is she is too rich & so many girls need ^{work} the so much. However so many can't open. Miss Lamb sent to me too undecorated. I refused but although she very much wanted to me. I think

Miss Lamb's air is so. She is not very P.M. & U. yet. Her late 'mission' was rather anti- & strongly High School.

We have our Conference (and as 3rd here. Send me some ideas

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please! —

If you answered me as per
enclosed. Please return it when
you have read it. Poor man he has
reason to complain. I answered
him & have asked Mr Stenthal to
answer the woman's part. Of course
I never asked him to give £50.
I find he is a great friend of
a friend & neighbor of mine
I hope this card is not hurting
you. Best love as always
your loving
Hester.

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Court Heath,
Bournemouth.

Q. 2. 1952

Dearest!

Thank you for your
suggestion, I will look
up the academy & think
about it. So far no
one has answered yet.

I do hope you are mending

I feel very anxious about
you. You will remember

to get back see to ask
Mr Sharpe —

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Thank you for letting me
know about Miss Anna
I hope to see her when
she is in town.
As usual I have to suffer
through being too kind
I was anxious for Miss
Russell's sake, to
keep Miss Anna
off as long as she could
be kept & now
she has a post & has to

i8p3pneu12

Sail on Thursday & Miss
A's visit cannot come off
yet. (Please Miss
Katherine in you send
me by return the address
of the possible see:
you mentioned. She
might come as assistant)
I was to explain
my address. Next
April & I have come down
here to stay with his

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parents from Friday till
Monday. Hardly got to
Cyrie but as perhaps
I told you, Nurse is
away for 5 wks.

Her next bother has
died & Nurse is so
run down that B. P.

is putting her in
a "rest cure" place

I could not have
the boy & her to come

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Court Heath,

Bournemouth.

He is wonderfully sweet
& happy, but of -
course the number of
people to hot rooms
are not good for me.
The remarks made
in his presence
make me feel positively
ill. There are two
hot rooms $4\frac{1}{2}$ & $3\frac{1}{2}$
here, the latter said

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to ~~be~~ very pretty but very
vain little girl, you are
very pretty you look
nice, much prettier
than you, (this to the
brother).

The boy 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
can't open the door to
Cybil did it for him.

Cybil talks incessantly
we go up to - nursery.

Of - course in one way
It is very peaceful &

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the weather is
perfect, but I feel
on the warpath.

Sooner we laugh when Cybil
makes sweet remarks

"you are a big fat the
girls" is the least
of the things said.

you were quite angelic
compared with this.

I hope dear to
hear you are better.

28p8pneu12

I am very glad Miss Finch
is a convert.

your loving

Hester